

North Carolina Resources

North Carolina Public Schools

NC Department of Public Instruction
www.ncpublicschools.org/organization/

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is the agency charged with implementing the State's public school laws and the State Board of Education's policies and procedures governing pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public education. The elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction heads the Department and functions under the policy direction of the State Board of Education.

No Child Left Behind
www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb

The No Child Left Behind Act, signed into law in 2002, has expanded the federal role in education and set requirements in place that affect every public school in America, including those in North Carolina.

At the core of No Child Left Behind are measures designed to close achievement gaps between different groups of students. This Web site addresses key NCLB elements as they are implemented in North Carolina including methods of measuring progress in students' academic achievement, standards for teachers, and ramifications for Title I schools.

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)
www.ecac-parentcenter.org

Since 1980, The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) has grown from an all volunteer parent organization to a full service Parent Training & Information Center serving families in North Carolina with more than 25 full and part-time staff and offices throughout NC. All services are provided at no charge to parents and families.

NC Families United
www.ncfamiliesunited.org

North Carolina Families United's mission is to "link families of children with serious emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges to state and community partners for the purpose of improving the lives of these children and their families." NC Families United believes that the best way to help families and their children improve their lives is through support, information, and advocacy. Parents/caregivers should be full partners in the treatment of their children.